

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. CFTRI is not an Apex Organization, but only an R&D Institute under Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). Its mandate is primarily undertaking research and development activities in the area of Food Sciences.

(c) and (d) CFTRI has developed necessary scientific techniques for processing and preservation of a variety of fruits and vegetables. These are being utilized by a number of entrepreneurs.

Development of Science and Technology in NER

684. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken any initiative for development and promotion of science and technology in the North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of planning formulated and implemented so far and the details of funds granted for this purpose during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) The Government provides financial assistance for development and promotion of science and technology in the North-Eastern Region under various programmes such as science and engineering research, science communication, natural resource data management system, science and society, state science and technology programme, bio-technology etc. The projects approved are based on the proposals received from various institutions in the States. In addition to these R&D projects, Government provides financial support to various State Councils for Science and Technology for development and promotion of science and technology in the respective States. The areas identified include strengthening science education, bio-resource technology, energy, meteorology mapping, health care, bamboo processing and disaster management.

(c) A Statement showing State-wise and year-wise details of funds granted for this purpose is given below.

Statement

State-wise and year-wise details of funds granted for development of science and technology in NER

State-wise sponsored R&D Projects

(Amount in lakh Rupees)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2002-03		2003-04		No. of Projects	Approved Cost
		No. of Projects	Approved Cost	No. of Projects	Approved Cost		
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	13	101.99	11	81.70	14	192.85
2.	Assam	62	773.66	61	750.61	70	706.43
3.	Manipur	6	69.17	15	89.93	14	111.59
4.	Meghalaya	9	199.01	6	51.36	6	52.59
5.	Mizoram	2	27.03	5	55.75	1	5.85
6.	Nagaland	3	45.15	5	36.16	1	4.20
7.	Sikkim	2	25.66	1	5.00	2	37.38
8.	Tripura	4	49.91	5	111.50	4	32.24
TOTAL:		101	1291.58	109	1182.01	112	1143.13

State Science and Technology Programme

(Amount in lakh Rupees)

Sl.No.	State/UT	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	39.40	70.92	23.45
2.	Assam	47.81	53.03	39.30
3.	Manipur	56.00	47.74	47.76
4.	Meghalaya	16.00	9.00	8.42
5.	Mizoram	19.00	19.50	35.50
6.	Nagaland	-	20.00	11.50
7.	Sikkim	28.30	13.36	36.50
8.	Tripura	20.00	24.50	42.00
9.	Entire NE	-	-	20.00
TOTAL:		226.51	258.05	264.43